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SUBJ: CIVAIR: CONCORDE:EPA'S NEW PROPOSAL FOR SST

NOISE RULE

REF: STATE 11915 (NOTAL)

1. GUIBE, DIRECTOR OF CONCORDE PROGRAM AT SGAC, HAS INFORMED US THAT GOF REACTION TO EPA'S NEW NOISE RULE FOR SST'S (REFTEL) WAS ONE OF COMPLETE "INCREDULITY". HE QUALIFIED EPA PROPOSAL AS "LOW BLOW" WHICH RAISED QUESTION OF EXTENT TO WHICH EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF USG WAS ABLE TO CONTROL "OR TO MANIPULATE" POSITIONS TAKEN BY HEADS OF EXECUTIVE AGENCIES.

2. HE FAILED TO SEE HOW EPA COULD NOW JUSTIFY SO SIGNIFICANT A CHANGE IN ITS PROPOSALS FOR SST NOISE LEVEL ON BASIS UPDATED NOISE DATA FOR CONCORDE WHICH WAS ONLY "FEW DECIBELS" ABOVE DATA ON WHICH EPA HAD TAKEN ITS INITIAL POSITION. HE QUESTIONED PROPRIETY OF ANNOUNCEMENT SUCH CHANGE IN EPA POSITION WHILE SECRETARY COLEMAN WAS STILL WEIGHING ALL-IMPORTANT DECISION HE MUST ANNOUNCE SHORTLY ON CONCORDE SERVICE

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TO US. HE SAID THAT GOF--AND BRITISH, WITH WHOM GOF

HAD BEEN IN CONTACT THIS SUBJECT--CONSIDERED TIMING OF EPA ANNOUNCEMENT ESPECIALLY SINISTER JUST PRIOR TO SENATE CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE BILL BANNING CONCORDE FOR SIX MONTHS; IT WAS DIFFICULT FOR GOF TO BELIEVE THAT TIMING OF EPA ANNOUNCEMENT WAS NOT INTENDED TO INFLUENCE SENATE ACTION.

3. WE EXPLAINED TO GUIBE THAT WHILE HEADS OF EXECUTIVE AGENCIES WERE APPOINTED BY PRESIDENT THEY ENJOYED CONSIDERABLE AUTONOMY IN EXERCISE OF THEIR FUNCTIONS, AND GOF SHOULD NOT CONSIDER EPA'S PROPOSED NEW SST NOISE RULE REFLECTED OTHER THAN IN-HOUSE VIEWS OF EPA. WE DREW ON PARA 4 REFTTEL TO EXPLAIN FOLLOW-UP PROCEDURE INVOLVING FAA.

4. GUIBE SAID HE HAD DISCUSSED NEW EPA PROPOSAL WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY, WHICH FULLY SHARED HIS CONCERN. AS A RESULT, SAID GUIBE, WE SHOULD BE ALERTED TO LIKELIHOOD WE WOULD HEAR MORE OF THIS "AT MUCH HIGHER LEVEL".  
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